



## LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

June 12, 2007

The Honorable Board of Directors  
Los Angeles County  
Regional Park and Open Space District  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Directors:

**ALLOCATE THIRD SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT CITIES, COUNTY AND  
COMPETITIVE EXCESS FUNDS AND AUTHORIZE AWARD AND ADMINISTRATION  
OF EXCESS FUNDS GRANTS  
(THIRD DISTRICT - 3 - VOTE MATTER)**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

1. Allocate Third Supervisorial District Cities, County and Competitive Excess Funds in the amount of \$2,251,443 as identified in the Attachment.
2. Authorize the Director of Parks and Recreation, in his capacity as Director of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, to award grants as identified in the Attachment when applicable conditions have been met and to administer the grants as of the date of this action and pursuant to procedures in the Procedural Guide for Specified and Per Parcel Projects.

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTIONS**

Approval of the first recommendation will allocate \$2,251,443 in Cities, County and Competitive Excess Funds for various natural lands for trails acquisition projects as identified in the Attachment.

The Department of Parks and Recreation, which is a qualified recipient to \$200,000 of the County Excess Funds and \$31,443 of Competitive Excess Funds, will assign its right to apply for the grant for the Cold Creek Acquisition and Trail Development Project to the Mountains Restoration Trust, as identified in the Attachment.

The 1996 Proposition requires that agencies to which funds were allocated under the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996 encumber all such funds prior to receiving grants of Excess Funds.

Finally, it is recommended that the Director of Parks and Recreation be authorized to award the grants to the grantees identified in the Attachment, when applicable conditions have been met, such as grantee qualifications and consistency between the projects and requirements of the 1996 Proposition, and to administer the grants under procedures previously approved by your Board.

### **IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS**

The proposed recommendations further the Board approved County Strategic Plan Goal No. 1 (Service Excellence), Goal No. 4 (Fiscal Responsibility), and Goal No. 5 (Children and Families' Well-being) by allocating Excess Funds for projects to enhance trails on natural lands in the Santa Monica Mountains in the Third Supervisorial District.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

Sufficient appropriation for the grants in the amount of \$2,251,443 is budgeted in the Third Supervisorial District portion of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District Excess Funds Project Fund, HD6.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The 1996 Proposition provides a method for determining each fiscal year the amount of funds available in the following fiscal year to fund capital improvement projects in addition to the amounts specifically identified for projects in the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996. The recommended grants would be funded from the Excess Funds available to the Third Supervisorial District from Excess Funds for city, County and competitive projects.

The Board may establish additional conditions on grants of Excess Funds. The Director of Parks and Recreation would be authorized to award grants when all applicable conditions have been met. Any funds allocated by the Board, but not encumbered by award of a grant contract in the same fiscal year, shall be available for allocation by the Board in the following fiscal year.

Your Board approved a Procedural Guide on June 17, 1997, to govern the administration of Regional Park and Open Space District grants for Specified and Per Parcel projects. This Procedural Guide would appropriately govern the administration of the recommended additional grants as well.

County Counsel has reviewed these actions.

### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

Grant Project Agreements will be entered into and administered under authority delegated to the Director of Parks and Recreation and pursuant to the Procedural Guide approved by the Board in 1997. The Project Agreements will be approved as to form by County Counsel.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

The recommended projects will enhance recreational opportunities on trails in natural areas in the Santa Monica Mountains in the Third Supervisorial District.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The proposed actions are not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in that the actions do not meet the definition of a project according to Sections 15378 (b)(4)(5) of the State CEQA Guidelines, because the actions are administrative activities for government grants which by their terms do not involve any commitments to any specific projects which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

All projects funded by the District are also required to comply with CEQA as a condition of the grant. The National Park Service is the lead agency for the Upper Solstice Canyon – Solstice Canyon Trail Project, the Mountains Recreation and Conservancy Authority is the lead agency for the Trust For Public Land's Corral Canyon Project and the Summit-to-Summit/Henry Ridge Motorway Acquisition Project, the City of Agoura Hills is the lead agency for the Lindero Creek Open Space Project, and the County of Los Angeles is the lead agency for the Cold Creek Acquisition and Trail Development Project and the Cold Creek High Trail Project. As such, all of these agencies will prepare appropriate environmental documents for the projects identified in the Attachment.

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**CONCLUSION**

Please instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to return one conformed copy of this action to the Chief Administrative Office, Capital Projects Division, and to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Respectfully submitted,



Russ Guiney  
Director, Parks and Recreation

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Attachment

c: Chief Administrative Officer  
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors (22)  
County Counsel

ATTACHMENT

PROPOSED THIRD SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT EXCESS FUNDS PROJECTS

<u>Project</u>	<u>Grantee</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<b>Upper Solstice Canyon - Solstice Canyon Trail Project</b> Scope: Acquisition of an 80-acre parcel in Upper Solstice Canyon containing a utility road that connects to existing public trails in Lower Solstice Canyon.	<b>National Park Service</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>
<b>Cold Creek High Trail Project</b> Scope: Acquisition of land at Stunt and Cold Canyon Roads south of Mulholland Highway to connect the Stunt High Trail with the Backbone Trail.	<b>Mountains Restoration Trust (MRT)</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>
<b>Summit-to-Summit/ Henry Ridge Motorway Acquisition Project</b> Scope: Acquisition of an 8.05-acre parcel for the preservation of a trail connector between Summit-to-Summit and Henry Ridge Motorways.	<b>Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority</b>	<b>\$320,000</b>
<b>Corral Canyon Project</b> Scope: Acquisition of 199 acres to expand Malibu State Park.	<b>Trust For Public Land</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>
<b>Lindero Creek Open Space Acquisition Project</b> Scope: Acquisition of open space to be developed into a park that will include a fitness course and natural trails.	<b>City of Agoura Hills</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>
<b>Cold Creek Acquisition and Trail Development</b> Scope: Acquisition of 2.66 acres of open space to preserve natural lands and existing area trails in the Cold Creek Preserve Area. The project will also be funded with \$68,557 in Quimby ACO funds for a project total of \$300,000.	<b>Department of Parks and Recreation -- MRT</b>	<b>\$231,443</b>
<b>Total:</b>		<b>\$2,251,443</b>